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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS UNION PROTESTS CONGRESS CALL BY LEYDEN SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat of the International Students Union has issued a press communique in which it condemns the activity of the Leyden Secretariat, which called an International Congress for 12 - 17 January in Copenhagen. The communique made the following statements:

The Leyden Secretariat is attempting to call the conference together with some functionaries of national youth unions in the US, Great Britain, France, Sweden, and The Netherlands. This is considered by the majority of the students in the rest of the world as another attempt to sharpen the differences between various countries.

For political reasons, the Leyden Secretariat is trying to divide the world into antagonistic geographic blocs. The conference in Copenhagen will be similar to those held in London, Stockholm, and Edinburgh which gave rise to the Leyden Secretariat.

There can only be one 'International' organization. The Third World Youth Congress, which will be held in summer 1953, will be an opportunity for all such student organizations to meet, exchange opinions, and work together on a program for youth on a truly international basis.

The International Students Union asks all those organizations which have been invited to attend the conference in Copenhagen to remain loyal to the idea of true international cooperation and to refuse to become part of any organization which would be against the International Students Union.

There have been many examples of staunch loyalty: The South African National Youth Union agreed unanimously not to attend the Copenhagen meeting, and in its resolution stated that it would reject any international student union which would be opposed to the International Students Union. Similar protests were received from student bodies in Italy, Ecuador, Chile, Mexico, Bolivia, Guatemala, Indonesia, and elsewhere.

Representatives of the United Students Union in France have agreed to consider all resolutions adopted at the Copenhagen meeting as null and void.

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